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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

WATSON'S

CARBO-CAMPHYLENE

Is distinguished by a White Label in addition to the Red One, which states that the

IMPROVED CARBO-CAMPHYLENE

Is suitable in Water in all proportions.

ITS MISCELLANEOUS WATER.

Combined with its Acrobatic and Refreshing Odour, will command it to the Public for General Use, as it is an Eucalypt, Acrobatic, and Perfect Disinfectant for Sick-rooms, Bed-rooms, Bath-rooms, and all airy vessels therein. For all purposes it should be diluted freely with Water.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE.

As a SAFAVATOR in VENTILATION—A little sprinkled on the bank of air or on the floor and kept in front of the nose and mouth, in infected rooms or in passing through infected districts, is strongly recommended.

FOR WASHING THE FACE AND HANDS—A teaspoonful to a gallon of water.

FOR THE BATH—A tablespoonful or less.

FOR SICK-ROOMS AND BED-ROOMS—A teaspoonful or more distributed in sachets round the room or evaporated by the aid of a lamp.

FOR SPRINKLING ON SPRAY—A wineglassful to a pint of water.

As a MOUTH WASH—A few drops in a tumbler of water.

FOR WASHING DOGS—A tablespoonful to a bucket of water.

THE IMPROVED

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converts the waste bath water into a valuable disinfectant which in passing through the drains, disinfects and steam-traps destroys mosquito germs and removes bad smells. Its use in the bath has a most beneficial effect on the skin and greatly reduces the risk of infection.

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HONGKONG, JULY 24th, 1896.

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE SANITARY BOARD.

The Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board has pronounced on the drainage of the Colony. The "new methods," by which we understand the separate system, are declared to be "sound and good in themselves," but so sound that the effect is very little less injurious than that of the old method. This judgment, if accepted, disposes of the allegation that the plague was in any way favoured by its spread by the existence of the separate system, except in so far as underground drains in dwellings are condemned to be so.

The introduction of the separate system, according to the Permanent Committee, does not make things worse than they were before, on the contrary it improved them if anything and is declared to be sound and good in itself if it were not abused. The Committee, however, do not enter on any discussion of the relative merits of the combined and the separate systems, but confine themselves to the recommendation that all drains within the area of a block should be drained into the sewers only when they reach the public street. Putting the same thing in other words, in their second letter, they recommend the prohibition of the introduction of every drain and drain-opening leading under the floor inside the walls of any Chinese house. This recommendation coincides with public opinion in the Colony, and it is to be hoped it will be accepted and acted upon by the Government. It will not doubt be thought advisable that the sewage should be kept separate from the storm water, seeing that we have six months of rain and six months of drought, and that if the storm water drains be used as sewers they must necessarily become offensive in the dry season. All that the recommendation amounts to is that the discharge from the houses shall not pass into any underground pipe until it has reached the street. The proposed exclusion of all drains and drain openings in or under the floor of any Chinese house, the Committee go on to say, necessarily involves the prohibition of the present style of building Chinese houses back to back in blocks and the enforcement of the law that all Chinese houses shall have at the back an open public sewerage lane at least 12 feet in width, into which all down pipes of every description shall run and along which, either in open or covered drains, all sewage waters from the houses shall pass to the public sewers in the streets. Probably it would be well to sew up covered drains, even in the scavenging lanes. Open drains would be rather unhygienic from a European point of view, but the Chinese would not mind that, and all chance of the drains becoming blocked would be removed. The main point, however, is not to have any covered drains in houses. It is already provided in the Public Health Ordinance that "Wherever feasible every house-drain in the villages and rural districts of Hongkong and Kowloon shall be heretofore an open drain consisting of a semi-circular channel of glazed stoneware in cement mortar and laid to slope

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